Boston, Jan. 16. 1856.

Dear Mr Webb; To-day is the Steamer day for England, and I am trying to get a few lines ready for you. Yours of Dec. 4. came to hand Jan. 11th. I believe I have attended to the various business items in it. — W. Shortt's Liberator is stopped. — I have requested Gay to discontinue Mr. John Lupton's Standard; and have forwarded your statement of Mr. L.'s payments; as I have heard nothing from Gay to the contrary, I presume the statement needs no correction. also, your wife's Standard in future to Mrs. Edmundson. — I was pretty well aware of the severity of your Custom house regulations respecting the admission of books printed, or reprinted in England. The only way, I think, for your London friend to get his De Quincey will be to get some friend to smuggle them in — & even ~~they~~ ~~the~~ books would probably be seized.

I have entirely forgotten what I said to Miss Estlin about your Notice of "Gerrit Smith's "Radical Political Party." I cannot think I laid much stress upon it, as I have so entirely forgotten it; and I should certainly have written it to you, had I thought it of importance. I feel sure I had no purpose of complaining of what you did. I admire the Advocate, in regard to its management, and its selection of topics, as well as their treatment. I think the calm & quiet way, in which it disputes and occasionally rebukes, is very forcible, more telling than more violent language would be. I can see

ⓒ witness the undeniable & most remarkable growth of the A. S. sentiment of the country in the last ten years. Witness now, for one thing, the stiff & unyielding manner in which Northern Members of Congress have stood out, 7 weeks, against the Govt

Ms.B.1.6 v.6, p.6

no possible reason why you should not notice such a book as S. R. Ward's, and abundant reasons why you should notice it, — as I see you have commenced doing in the January Advocate received yesterday, but which I have not had a moment yet to read, only to glance at hastily. I should make F. Douglass more of an exception, I think, and touch him seldom & slightly. Much notice from us is what he would like, and would be his best capital. Much of his late book is very excellent, but it is villainous and false, beyond credit almost, when he comes to touch upon the American A.S. Society; — altogether too bad to be passed unnoticed, indeed. Then, too, the Advocate may very justly and effectively ~~fairly~~, on account of its independent & no-party position, deal with some topics which the Standard or Liberator cannot treat thoroughly, without bringing on themselves the imputation of partizanship. — So I beg you to believe that when I set up as a very severe critic of the Advocate, I will make you the suffering recipient.

For me, I am very sorry that Garrison has delayed & forborne so long to notice the misstatements & calumnious insinuations which F. Douglass, through his mouthpiece J. Griffiths, has been circulating in Scotland & elsewhere. P. Pillsbury has sent me several documents in the case, — which I have regularly handed over to Garrison, and he as regularly has said that he was going to notice them, — and has

I hope you have rec.d the parcel of pamphlets of "Old Annuaries" which I sent you, per Norris' Ship, ? a month ago. ?

I sent also, [illegible] a week since, the [illegible], a complete copy of the Standard, containing my Notices of the Ephemeris;

said it in a very resolute way, too; so that, when the notice comes, there will be *no mistake* about it, I venture to say. Whether it is his habit of procrastination, that is the reason of the delay, or because he thinks the right time for the notice has not yet come, I cannot say. I incline to think the right time is near at hand now; for I heard yesterday (not from Mr. G. himself) that he — Garrison — had had a letter from F. Douglass, complaining of that recent article of G. Thompson's in the *Empire*, and (I suppose) calling Garrison to account for writing to G. T. about him. This, I think, will effectually break up Garrison's silence, and will afford a fit occasion to comment on J. Griffiths's doings in England, &c.

Pillsbury seems to be holding some very useful & excellent meetings — such as those at Leeds, Halifax, & Newcastle. I see that the *Advocate* is remembered by him, & that he procures some subscribers for it. He has sent me some copies of a little pamphlet, got out at Leeds, of the meeting held there. It is valuable as embodying & condensing the evidence of the pro-slavery of the American Foreign Mission Board, and, of course, of the complicity of the Churches which sustain it. — Halifax holds out the promise, I perceive, of doing something for the Bazaar; — of which a word, though I have already written you about all I had to say, about a fortnight since. The total receipts are a little rising of $4600.-; the expenses are heavy this year, exceeding $900;

I sent Miss Estlin, 3 or 4 weeks since, in compliance with her request, a complete set of the Liberator, containing my Notices of Mr. Estlin.

of which over $400. are Government duties. If w
had had the *Liberty Bell* in season, we should probab
have added $100. more to our receipts. By a most
extraordinary conjunction of favourable circumstances
(in the rapid passage of the Ship, the comity of C. H.
officers, the favourable position of the box in the vesse
and the obliging disposition of Captain & Mate) we
got the De la Rue Stationery box the last day but one
the Bazaar. Its arrival determined the ladies to h
their Sale two days longer. It (the box) found
much favour. I believe not a single quire of the pape
left, & scarce anything else of its contents. – I am
now writing on a sheet of its "Overland Note", an
beautiful paper it is. I bought a Quarter Ream
of it, with envelopes to match, purposely for my
foreign correspondence. Nothing is more attractive
saleable than this box; I suppose more *money*,
proportion, may be taken on certain articles of La
the like, which come in some of the boxes, but I th
that no one box would be so generally regretted a
Stationery box, if lost or delayed. – Let me say
I dread to see, in the *Advocate*, such notices of donc
to our Bazaar as those I enclose herein. I am fea
of their coming under the eye of some of our pro-slav
American Editors, who will make a great flouri
about them, & thus our "duties" be increased. – Ju
between you & me, I must say that I wonder by w
manner of reckoning the contents of the Leeds box were
valued at £150. It was a very large box indeed, but *more* tha
of it (I should say) consisted of the Leeds A.S. publications, bo
tracts, &c very good for gratuitous distribution, but ~~for~~ which
not saleable, & ~~for~~ which we did not sell a dollar's worth
The other contents were handsome & good, but could not,
on an enlarged scale of reckoning, be adjudged of the above value
don't know as you could, or should, omit to notice in the *Advocate* the
to our Bazaar, & their value too, in a general way. But I think

less particulars, as to £.s.d, the better. – No truth in the story of Jos. Barker's death; no foundation for it,
that I am aware of. – You think we have much to discourage us. So we have, but also much to *encourage*. ⊙

now; for one thing, the stiff & unyielding manner in which Northern Members of Congress have stood out, 9 weeks, against the Govt

Ms.B.1.6 v.6 p.6